



**VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

PROJECT SUMMARY

Site Name:	Bortz Farm
Applicant's Name:	Bortz Farm, Inc.
Site Location:	1302 West State Road 2 LaPorte LaPorte County
VRP Site Number:	6970310
Project Manager:	Ed Joniskan
Date Application Received:	March, 1997
Date Project Completed:	May, 1998
Project Duration:	2 years, 2 months
Contaminant Group(s):	Petroleum, Inorganics
Media Cleaned Up:	Subsurface Soil, Groundwater
Cleanup Goals Achieved:	Tier II Nonresidential
Deed/Land Use Restrictions:	Not Applicable

Project Description: The site operated as a retail supply business for bulk farm materials from the early 1960s to the early 1990s. The property covers approximately 2.2 acres and contains four buildings and several grain bins. Past environmental investigations indicated groundwater contamination beneath the site.

While participating in the VRP program, investigations concluded that petroleum products were released from former upgradient underground storage tank systems at adjacent properties resulting in groundwater contamination beneath the Bortz Farm property. Remediation activity has been documented at two upgradient source areas (former gas stations). A prospective purchasers agreement was extended to Bortz Farm from the Office of Environmental Response.

No remediation was proposed based upon a comparison of groundwater data and Tier 2 standards, which concluded that recent groundwater data is below Tier 2 standards. Anticipated future use of the site is non-residential.